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Official Proclamation of Red Ribbon Week

Dear CAP Volunteer:

In 1988, after a continuous endeavor, the last week of the month of October was proclaimed as *Red Ribbon Week* to spread an anti-drug message nationwide and commemorate the anti-drug efforts of Special Agent Enrique “Kiki” Camarena, a narcotics agent with the Drug Enforcement Administration who was murdered by drug traffickers in Guadalajara, Mexico. In 1990, the Department of Defense joined in the national effort to observe *Red Ribbon Week* and encouraged service members to keep communities drug-free by recognizing outstanding outreach programs.

Last Friday, Civil Air Patrol was represented at the Pentagon’s 19th Annual Red Ribbon Week Observance Ceremony by the National Chief of Staff, Colonel Russ Chazell, the National Drug Demand Reduction Director, Mr. Mike Simpkins, the National Drug Demand Reduction Team Leader, Lieutenant Colonel Johnetta Mayhew, and the NCAC Chairman, Cadet Zachary King. Civil Air Patrol partnered in a joint service cadet color guard for the ceremony, and our organization received great praise from the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs. The Air Force Surgeon General, members of Congress, several military officers, civilian counterparts, and cadet organization officials were among the many in attendance.

As today marks the midpoint of *Red Ribbon Week*, we would like to take a moment to mark the occasion of this week and the importance of its mission: promoting a firm anti-drug stance across the nation. As we continue our outreach with Civil Air Patrol’s Drug Demand Reduction and Counterdrug efforts, we would like to recognize all of our volunteers who give their time and effort to keep our communities and our members, senior and cadet, free of the harmful influence of drug use. We encourage your active observance and participation in this week’s events.

We ask you to join us in a pledge to remain drug free! We cannot impress upon today’s society enough that drug abuse is detrimental to the futures of our youth and disqualifying for professional careers, especially ones in public service, government, and the armed forces.

Our goal is to continue the excellent efforts set forth by all of our members, and to build upon our partnerships with youth, community, and law enforcement programs that share the cooperative mission of fighting the war on drugs.

Thank you for your continued volunteer service to Civil Air Patrol and your communities.

Semper vigilans!



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